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CAEU ministers open talks Tuesday

AMMAN, May 31 (Petra) — The Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU), will open a two-day meeting at the Sheraton Hotel in Amman on Tuesday.

Arriving in Amman today for the meeting were the ministers of finance from Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, and Somalia's deputy director of planning.

During the meeting, Arab ministers of economy and trade will discuss a report by the CAEU secretary general on the implementation of earlier council decisions and the activities of the CAEU's various committees and the council's plans for the next five years. The report also tackles economic development in the Arab World and economic events recently experienced by the Arab states.

Apart from the report, the ministers will look into a proposal for establishing an international Arab land transport company and a joint Arab press company for printing postage stamps.

\$1 billion pan-Arab housing bank mooted

AMMAN, May 31 (Petra) — Dr. Khalil Al Shamma'a, a visiting Arab League expert on housing, said here today that a proposal for establishing an Arab housing bank will be discussed by Arab housing ministers at a meeting in October.

Dr. Shamma'a said that the proposal for establishing the \$1 billion bank was put forward by the Arab League in order to meet the housing needs of Arab citizens and to raise the necessary funds for financing housing projects in the Arab World.

The bank will be further financing the purchase of tracts of land for constructing housing units and for manufacturing building materials and financing basic services like water supply, electricity and sewerage, Dr. Shamma'a said.

He said the bank will also be financing contracting companies to help them implement housing projects and will grant loans to promote the Arab tourism industry. Arab states and individual Arab investors will be participating in the proposed bank's capital which can also draw credit from Arab and international financial institutions, he added.



Dr. Khalil Al Shamma'a



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan lays down the foundation stone for the new building of Al Ahli Club at a ceremony at Wadi Seer Sunday.

Hassan lays corner stone for new Ahli Club complex

AMMAN, May 31 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan today laid the foundation stone for the new building of Al Ahli Club at Wadi Seer.

At a ceremony on the occasion, Mr. Mashhour Qanash, a member of the club, made a speech outlining the club's development and sports activities.

The four-phase project entails the construction

of a sports stadium for 20,000 spectators, a tourist centre, playgrounds, a swimming pool and a conference hall that can seat 500 people.

Towards the end of the ceremony, the club's president presented Crown Prince Hassan with a gift of the club's emblem.

The ceremony was also attended by Ministers of Culture and Youth 'Ma'an Abu Nowar and a number of guests.

Sharif Zaid accepts Public Security gift

AMMAN, May 31 (Petra) — Commander in Chief of the Jordanian armed forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker (photo right) met today with the director of the Public Security Directorate, Maj. Gen. Mamoon 'Abdullah (left) and his senior officers. During the meeting, the director presented a symbolic present to the Jordanian armed forces on the occasion of Independence and Army Day. Sharif Zaid thanked the forces and wished them success. Attending the meeting were His Majesty King Hussein's military secretary, army chief of staff, and a number of senior officers of the armed forces.



Sharkas urges citizens to give documents to national archive

AMMAN, May 31 (Petra) — The director general of the Department of Libraries, Documentation and National Archives, Dr. Ahmad Sharkas, today appealed to all citizens who keep any documents or manuscripts related to Jordan's history and heritage to present them to the directorate so that they could be monitored, restored and added to the national collection at the directorate, where researchers can use them.

In a statement to Petra, the Jordan News Agency, Dr. Sharkas said that the directorate had received a collection of "official and personal documents" from Senator Wasfi Mirza which are "rare and historically very significant because of the information they give on the historic events dating back to the last decade of the Ottoman period in Bilad Al Sham (Greater Syria), Hijaz and Yemen in general, and the Emirate of Transjordan in particular."



Mr. Wasfi Mirza

Dr. Sharkas said that the collection contains several files of historic documents, which in large part belonged to the late Mirza Pasha, the father of Senator Wasfi Mirza, and "most of them are in good condition."

Dr. Sharkas said that the directorate will register photograph and then will catalogue them and add them to the collection of documents at the Documents Secretariat at the directorate in pre-

paration for placing them under the disposal of researchers.

Dr. Sharkas added that those documents written in Turkish will be translated into Arabic.

Dr. Sharkas praised the initiative of Mr. Mirza and the senator's confidence in the role of the Directorate of Libraries, Documentation and National Archives, in preserving the national

heritage. He said he hoped this initiative by Mr. Mirza would be an example to be followed by other citizens.

Affirming the significance of the documents presented by Mirza, Dr. Sharkas said that his father played a key role in Jordan's history, and that he had provided the best services to the

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEF

AMMAN, May 31 (Petra) — The Ministry of Agriculture prepared "an integrated national afforestation plan, which is considered the first of its kind in Jordan," according to the minister undersecretary O. Salem Al Lawzi. Dr. Lawzi said that the ministry has prepared this project to encourage people to plant more forest trees. He added that cooperation between the private and public sectors will give a chance for both to take up afforestation. Such a project will preserve soil and increase of forest area, he added. The ministry will start implementing the project next year.

AMMAN, May 31 (J.T.) — The Turkish cultural attache Ihsan Aksoy today called on Mr. Abdul Hamid Omar, the director of the cultural department, to discuss cultural and educational relations between Jordan and Turkey.

AMMAN, May 31 (Petra) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Muzayni will tour six villages tomorrow to discuss with the heads of the village council their public services and development plans. The minister will visit Sahab, Al Nuqairah, Al Muwaqqar, Musib, Al Rukkad Khashafet, Al Shawabkeh, Al Dababbeh, Ruji, Shami and Al Faisalveh. He will be accompanied on the inspection tour by several senior officials from his ministry.

AMMAN, May 31 (Petra) — Five Jordanians were fined each by the military court for charging people for rides in their private vehicles. The military governor today endorsed the sentences.

AMMAN, May 31 (Petra) — The National Consultative Council's economic committee discussed today at its regular session a proposal for establishing consumer markets to serve as a medium in which the public and private sectors can participate. An enclosed resolution has been adopted by the committee which is under the chairmanship of Mr. Anis Al Murasher, and it will be referred to the National Consultative Council's next general meeting.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

* The American Centre presents an exhibition of paintings by American artist James Vitale, entitled "Arab Lights". Mr. Vitale is a professor of fine arts at Yarmouk University in Irbid. The exhibition is open to the public from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., in the auditorium of the American Centre, off Third Circle in Jabal Amman.

* The Department of Culture and Arts, in cooperation with the Soviet Cultural Centre, presents an exhibition of photographs by Soviet artists. The exhibition is open to the public at 6 p.m., at the centre near Third Circle in Jabal Amman.

* The British Council presents sculpture from its permanent collection at the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts. The exhibition is open to the public from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 3-6 p.m., and remains open daily except Tuesday.

* The French Cultural Centre presents an exhibition of photographs by members of the centre's photography club. The exhibition is open to the public at the centre's hall in Jabal Luwaidah.

* Alia Art Gallery presents an exhibition of paintings by Omar Hamdan and Avvad Al Nemr. The exhibition is open to the public at the gallery in Shmeisani.

The British Council presents "The Age of Shakespeare". Items from the exhibition which has proved so popular in Amman, will be repeated in Aqaba. The exhibition will be opened with a performance of "Marhaba Shakespeare" in Arabic and English by the Hava Centre players. The show will start at 8 p.m., at the Alcazar Hotel in Aqaba.

Spring Festival

* The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities presents the Spring Festival of Art, which was celebrated in Aqaba last month, at the Alia Art Gallery in Shmeisani.

Films

* In conjunction with the sculpture exhibition, the British Council presents the following programme of films: "Henry Moore: Drawings and Graphics" and "The Artist Speaks: Kenneth Armitage". The show starts at 8 p.m., at the council in Jabal Amman.

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Muscular dystrophy victims end training



AMMAN, May 31 (Petra) — Six victims of muscular dystrophy today completed a two-year training course at Al Hussein Muscular Dystrophy Society. During the period, the boys and girls were given all-round physical, vocational and educational training,

according to the society's president, Princess Majda, (photo right), wife of His Majesty King Hussein's Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'ad Ibn Zaid. She said the physically handicapped graduates had undertaken training in embroidery, sewing, wool weaving, the manufacturing of artificial flowers,

operating telephone exchanges, music and painting. On this occasion a bazaar was held during which artificial flowers, woolen clothes and works of embroidery by the trainees were sold. Mrs. Mudar Badran, (centre) then distributed certificates to the graduates.

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ILO reports on occupied territories

Growth neglects Arabs, favours Israeli economy

GENEVA (ILO News) — The situation of workers of the occupied Arab territories has not basically changed, and although an undeniable economic development can be observed in these territories, it does not appear to correspond to their own needs in a perspective other than that of occupation.

This is one of the main findings of a mission sent by the International Labour Office, for the fourth consecutive year, to the Arab territories occupied by Israel. Its report, which systematically reviews the steps taken by the Israeli authorities following the recommendations made by the 1980 mission, appears in a special appendix to the report of ILO Director-General Francis Blanchard to this month's session of the International Labour Conference (Geneva, 3-24 June).

The mission took place during the first week of March. Its members had numerous talks and working and private meetings with various people, both Israeli and Arab. They visited several voc-

ational training and placement establishments and a factory in Israel employing Arab workers from the occupied territories.

Employment and development

About 99 per cent of the active population of the occupied territories is employed, although the total employment figure of 212,000 in 1980 is slightly lower compared to 1979. Some 75,000 residents of the occupied territories — one out of every three — go into Israel every day to work.

Despite the stepping up of information campaigns and attempts to control and stamp out the practice, the phenomenon of "irregular" employment in Israel persists. Between 25 and 30 per cent of Arab workers employed in Israel are not employed through the official placement channels and "it seems increasingly necessary and urgent to take more positive action or to find new ways of reducing sig-

nificantly" this number, states the ILO mission.

The jobs provided by the Israeli economy produce earnings amounting to about a third of the gross national product of the occupied territories and, according to the Israeli authorities, this fact played a dominant role in the development of the territories. In the mission's observations, this undeniable growth appears to have been achieved at the cost of an increasingly close dependence on the Israeli economy. "There is an obvious need — and one which is shared by the population concerned — for an active investment and employment policy in the occupied Arab territories geared to the requirements of their inhabitants."

It would be advisable for more encouragement to be given certain institutions, for example cooperatives, "which appear one of the best means of promoting a collective development and whose smooth running should not be hampered by political complications and administrative red tape."

Vocational training

The mission noted an attendance of about ten per cent in vocational training centres and also an increase in output. Special efforts have moreover been made to diversify types of training and to attract particular groups such as young people already in the employment market and women, who are beginning to enter it.

But the established link with placement offices providing in Israel, and also the attraction of the Arab Gulf countries, is likely to undermine the benefit that can result directly from the development of training activities in the territories. A visit by the mission to training centres showed that only a small percentage of the population completing their training courses — between 15 and 20 per cent — managed, or attempted, to find employment locally.

"As organised at the moment," the mission concludes, "the training system does not serve the real development interests of occupied territories because it is not based on a planned manpower needs and resources."

General working conditions and social benefits

The provisional or temporary nature of work permits in Israel valid for four months — and the prohibition in principle for workers from the occupied territories to remain in Israel outside their hours of work remain sources of difficulty, and the mission discerns any substantial change in practice. However it did not rule out the possibility of some progress in the near future: the Israeli authorities are seriously considering the possibility of extending the validity of work permits issued by placement offices, especially workers who have been employed in Israel for two or three years.

In the field of occupational safety and health the mission's efforts taken by the authorities for several years, but it draws particular attention to the situation of irregular workers employed in small production units.

No change was noted in the important field of social benefits. National Insurance Scheme are still not entitled to benefits based on the criterion of residence — old age and survivors' benefits, invalid and unemployment benefits and children's allowances. Surplus contributions are paid into the general budget for the development of the territories. The mission states once again that "the fundamental principle ought to be borne in mind that the contributions should be set aside for the initial and specific purpose for which they were paid."

Exercise of trade union rights

The most important issue in the field of trade union rights, the union membership, has not changed since the 1980 mission, an problem remains. "The Histadrut has repeated that it is not encouraging the affiliation of Arab workers from the occupied territories, who, for their part, do not seem to be prepared to join the Histadrut or anxious to set up their own trade unions in Israel."

As regards trade union rights in the occupied territories, the mission recommended that an effort should be made to prevent excessive delays in replying to requests to establish trade unions. The mission also examined various allegations concerning the lack of trade union leaders.

The mission recognised the difficulty of a situation which is fundamentally influenced by the general state of occupation. Nevertheless, it points out, it is important that in accordance with principles, workers wishing to establish trade union organisations should be entitled to do so without any restrictions and that under which unions are prohibited from engaging in political activities should not be interpreted in such a way as to limit trade rights or impede the legal exercise of those rights.

Israeli settlements

First-hand information was sought by the mission on the implications of the Israeli settlements with regard to their effect on labour problems.

It concluded that "the rate at which the settlement policy is currently being implemented and the extent of the programmes adopted for the near future are bound sooner or later, and in one way or another, to go against the objective of an autonomous economic development chosen by the Arab population of the occupied territories."

The mission also makes proposals on the development of technical cooperation for the benefit of the workers of the occupied territories. It was assured that the Israeli authorities would examine these questions positively.

As in the case of the previous missions, the Israeli authorities are asked to inform the ILO of the action taken to give effect to ILO recommendations and about changes in the situation in the fields they cover.

Strangulation

THOSE WHO have often said that the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza is a temporary phenomenon without much long-term consequences would do well to look at the economic situation there. The latest report on the economy of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip by the Director, General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) confirms yet again the negative developments that are taking place there with every year of occupation. It is thus difficult to take seriously the propaganda of Israeli and American officials (and other less official but nevertheless misinformed Western parties) about how the residents of the West Bank and Gaza are making swift advances in social and economic development. As the ILO report states, the workforce of the occupied areas has actually declined since last year, while fully one-third of the Palestinian workers from the occupied areas are working inside Israel. If the same situation were to prevail in, say, Southern Africa or Afghanistan, would we hear our naive friends in the West extol the virtues of an occupation that one is asked to accept because it includes GNP growth figures of eight or nine per cent a year? The proper comparison should be between the growth of the occupied territories and the neighbouring Arab states, where annual GNP growth has been in the 15-20 per cent range. The harsh reality remains — and has been documented yet again by the ILO — of a political and military occupation whose underlying repercussions include a strangulation of the indigenous forces of economic development. This naturally leads to a disheartening outlook for the future, which prompts the indigenous Palestinians to view emigration as an attractive option, serving the full interests of Zionism and Israeli strategy.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'Y: The quick and intensive American action and persistent diplomatic efforts to settle the so-called Syrian missile crisis in Lebanon clearly indicates that U.S. policy is concerned about preventing the outbreak of war in the Middle East, not tackling what prevents the establishment of peace.

U.S. President Ronald Reagan described what he called the success of the mission of U.S. envoy Philip Habib as almost a miracle because the American effort, as he put it, succeeded in preventing a possible war.

It is evident that U.S. policy does not have a comprehensive outlook to the crisis of the Arab-Israeli struggle and that the United States follows a policy of tackling the explosive hotbeds resulting from the central issue of the dispute, namely the Palestine issue.

At a time when talk is going on about the policy of preventing the outbreak of war in Lebanon, Israel's war against the Palestinians in Lebanon continues, and Israel's war against a just and comprehensive peace is also continuing. Israel's consistent policy is to prevent the establishment of peace on the basis of the Palestinians' right on their soil. It seems that the policy of preventing war in the Middle East is the way to liquidate the Palestinians in Lebanon, exactly as the separate Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty was the way to liquidate the Palestinians' rights in the name of peace.

The crises which erupt on the periphery of the Palestine issue, regardless of how serious they are insignificant phenomena if compared to the seriousness of the policy of preventing the establishment of peace on a just and durable basis in the area.

The classification of the Palestine issue, the Palestinian rights and the crisis of the Arab-Israeli dispute as minor issues and crises requiring small settlements isolates these issues from one another, and creates a *fait accompli* which sometimes contributes to the policy of preventing the establishment of peace and consolidating the *fait accompli* which serves as a factor in the continued deterioration of the situation.

The whole world realises how fragile the policy of preventing war is if it were not designed to be a prelude to building a just and comprehensive peace. The whole world also realises that the Arabs do not seek war but, on the contrary, their efforts are concentrated on achieving a comprehensive political settlement based on finding a just solution for the Palestine issue and the restoration of the Palestinian rights.

The policy of preventing war which President Reagan is talking about, as it was manifested in the Lebanese crisis, means in practical terms the neutralisation of other sides, thus enabling Israel to strike and liquidate the Palestinians and the Palestine cause by its continuous daily attacks against the Palestinian resistance forces in Lebanon.

AL DUSTOUR: Before the U.S. Middle East peace envoy Philip Habib could return home, Israeli planes were making intensive raids against bases of the Palestinian resistance and camps in Lebanon. Meanwhile, the Israeli navy was carrying out wide-scale operations of shelling and landing at other Palestinian bases and camps.

Nevertheless, as soon as Mr. Habib arrived in Washington and submitted his report to President Reagan, the latter praised Habib's efforts in the Middle East and said the three weeks he spent in the area were spent successfully defusing the explosion. Reagan, however, did not refer to the wide-scale war which Israel was waging in Lebanon. It seems that the American efforts are meant to keep the Palestinian resistance and the Lebanese legitimate authorities exposed to the Israeli aggression.

Israel is taking advantage of the time element and expediting the creation of a new *fait accompli* daily.

Most Arab officials are aware of Israel's military and political designs against the Palestinian resistance. While the revival of the role of the Arab follow-up committee and the role of the Arab deterrent force in Lebanon show Arab interest in the situation in Lebanon, there should be action on the Lebanese domestic front to revive national reconciliation efforts and to protect the unity of Lebanon.

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Ten years after launching 'ping pong diplomacy'

How far has the ball bounced in U.S.-China ties?

By Jonathan Sharp

PEKING — Exactly a decade after visit by a group of American table tennis players to Peking opened links between the U.S. and China, relations are advancing again, but at a far more sedate pace than during the heady days of "ping pong diplomacy."

The U.S. sportsmen and the handful of American journalists invited to China for the occasion, who heard Premier Chou En-lai say on that April afternoon in the Great Hall of the People that the visit had opened a new page in U.S.-China relations, could hardly have guessed at the dramatic events that were to unfold.

Three months later, Dr. Henry Kissinger, then national security adviser, paid his first, secret visit to Peking. Within 10 months President Richard Nixon was speaking in the Great Hall and just over two years later Ambassador David Bruce opened the first U.S. diplomatic mission in Peking.

Ten years later, the biggest single factor that brought the two arch-enemies together — their shared apprehension of the Soviet Union — is still a live force in their relationship.

Chinese leaders and media have voiced satisfaction at the strong stand taken towards the Soviet Union by the administration of President Ronald Reagan — a satisfaction that has helped

offset some deep Chinese suspicions over U.S. intentions towards Taiwan.

Peking was outraged by campaign remarks by Mr. Reagan last year on establishing official ties with Taiwan, which China said flew in the face of the 1978 China-U.S. communique on normalising relations.

China was further piqued by comments by Ray Cline, one of Mr. Reagan's foreign policy advisers, who said last November that the Carter Administration had struck "a bad deal" with China on normalisation, and that Washington should have demanded that China "return to the norms of civilised behaviour."

Since Mr. Reagan's inauguration on Jan. 20, the new administration has moved to mend fences with the Chinese, apparently with success, although Taiwan remains the most delicate area in the relationship.

The Chinese were worried that some elements in the Reagan Administration were anxious to take action on the president's campaign remarks about upgrading relations with Taiwan, but Washington has quietly put aside any decisions on that issue, diplomatic sources in Peking said.

Also shelved is the touchy issue of U.S. arms sale to Taiwan. Taipei has asked the United States to supply sophisticated F-16 fighters or the new FX aircraft to replace its older F-5 planes.

But one diplomatic source said that while the

weapons issue was more or less dormant at present, it had not been "thrown out of the window."

China's recent row with the Netherlands over a proposed Dutch sale of submarines to Taiwan, which promoted Peking to downgrade diplomatic ties with the Hague, saved as a warning to Washington of Chinese sensitivity on the subject.

The Reagan Administration's reassurances to the Chinese have taken the form of reaffirmations of the normalisation communique and of the high strategic value that Washington places on its links with China.

The last of these assurances was conveyed to Peking by former president Gerald Ford last month, who carried a message from Mr. Reagan and brought with him some advanced communications equipment to relay what the Chinese had to say.

Last month Chairman Deng Xiaoping was asked by British journalists whether it would be a good idea to invite Mr. Reagan to China in view of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's overtures to the United States for a summit.

Mr. Deng replied that an invitation to Mr. Reagan had been sent, and then, interrupting a journalist asking a question on a different topic, said the U.S. president could come to China any time that was convenient for him.

Mr. Deng has a personal stake in the U.S. link, since it was he who negotiated the normalisation

agreement with U.S. Ambassador Leonarc doock.

Trouble on the Taiwan issue would reflect on Mr. Deng at a time when he has pressing economic problems, particularly the current programme of economic belt-tightening, or "adjustment" as it is officially known.

That retrenchment has slowed down the hereto dramatic growth in U.S.-China trade, doubled last year to \$4.8 billion with a hefty billion balance in America's favour.

U.S. trade officials are forecasting an increase this year of between 10 and 20 per cent in exports to China, and a 40 to 50 per cent increase in U.S. imports from China.

U.S. traders have been less badly hurt by slow-down than, for example, the Japanese West Germans who have had major contract pending or curtailed.

One reason was that the Americans, as newcomers to trade with China, were not involved as deeply as Japan and West Germany and therefore not in the market for the sort of large scale contracts that are now being cut back.

A milestone in trading history was passed January this year when for the first time, trade with China exceeded that with Taiwan — one more illustration of how far the ball has bounced in U.S.-China relations since a decade

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After OAU listens to Morocco, Polisario

W. Sahara talks seem deadlocked

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone, May 31 (R) — An organisation of African Unity (OAU) meeting on the Western Sahara ended here last night after hearing the views of Morocco and the Polisario guerrilla movement on the six-year-old desert war.

No communique was issued at the end of the meeting, an apparent indication that no progress had been made in trying to resolve the conflict.

The Moroccan delegation led by Prime Minister Maati Boubaid was first invited to state its case followed by the Polisario front,

which has set up the "Saharoui Arab Democratic Republic" headed by Mr. Mohammad Lamim Ould Ahmad.

The Polisario is fighting to set up an independent state in the Western Sahara, a former Spanish colony considered by Rabat an integral part of Morocco.

The Western Sahara issue is expected to be one of the dominating topics at the OAU summit in Nairobi one month from now, as it was at the Freetown summit last year. The OAU has to decide whether to admit the Polisario's "republic" as a member.

According to Sierra Leone President Siaka Stevens, chairman of the OAU, 27 of the OAU's 50 member states now recognise the self-proclaimed republic.

Morocco has in the past threatened to leave the OAU if the "republic" is admitted.

Morocco's acting minister of information, Mr. Morlay Ahmad Alouai, told reporters that Morocco was willing to try to find possible solutions to the Western Sahara problem. But he hinted that Morocco was still ready to leave the OAU if the Polisario were admitted.

"We were there before the OAU and we were there during the OAU and we will be there after the OAU," he said. "After all we have existed as a state for 14 centuries."

The presidents of Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Tanzania and Guinea attended the Western Sahara meeting as members of the OAU ad hoc committee on the issue.

President Goukouni Oueddei of Chad arrived here last night for OAU talks on Chad. Earlier in the day it had been announced here that the talks had been cancelled. No reason was given.

Gulf peace team suspends visits

NICOSIA, May 31 (R) — The four-member non-aligned committee given the task of mediating in the Iran-Iraq conflict will not visit Teheran or Baghdad again in the near future, according to a statement issued today.

The committee, consisting of Cuba, Zambia, India and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, was set up by the conference of non-aligned countries in New Delhi last year.

Yesterday it ended a two-day meeting here to evaluate its previous visits of the two capitals.

A brief statement issued today said the committee had decided to hold a further meeting, and would not return to Teheran or Baghdad for the time being.

Sudan, Ethiopia say: relations improving

KHARTOUM, May 31 (A.P.) — Pro-Western Sudan and Soviet-backed Ethiopia yesterday expressed satisfaction over "the steady improvement" of their relations at the end of a week-long visit to Sudan by Mr. Fikre Selassie, secretary general of the Ethiopian Provisional Military Administrative Council.

During his stay here, Mr. Fikre met Sudanese President Sa'afar Numeiri to deliver a message from Mengistu Haile Mariam, the leader of Ethiopia's Marxist regime.

The content of the message was not disclosed but a joint statement

said the two men discussed means of promoting bilateral relations, issues pertaining to security and stability of the region as well as coordination of policies in all fields.

Mr. Fikre also met twice with his Sudanese host, Defence Minister Gen. Abdel Magid Hamid Khalil to review progress of developments of their two countries relations over the past two years, the statement added.

Mr. Fikre was accompanied by a high-powered delegation including Ethiopian Foreign Minister Feleke Giorgis.

MIDDLE EAST BRIEFS

Saudi women get a share in the world of diplomacy

BAHRAIN, May 31 (R) — The first batch of Saudi Arabian women have completed a course that introduced them to the male-dominated world of diplomacy. The Saudi newspaper Al Riyadh reported. The 19 women, wives of Saudi diplomats, studied Islamic culture, peoples and civilisations, foreign propaganda, diplomatic protocol and the English language, the newspaper said. Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal's wife, Jawhara, who presented the women with their certificates, delivered a message from her husband: "An educated wife can undoubtedly elevate the husband's status in the host country." The one-month course was run by the Saudi foreign ministry's school of diplomacy in Riyadh.

4 more fingers chopped off in Iran

TEHRAN, May 31 (R) — A man found guilty of stealing goods from a relief committee in a northern Iranian town has had four fingers of his right hand amputated as punishment. The Tehran newspaper Mizan reported today. The sentence was imposed by an Islamic Revolutionary Court, the third time in little over a month that finger amputation was ordered for theft. Prior to this revival, the sentence had not been used in recent Iranian history. Mizan said that in the latest case the punishment was carried out last Friday against a 21-year-old man in the town of Behshar. Last week Prime Minister Mohammad Ali Rajavi defended the use of amputation in instances of theft and spoke also of possible legislation aimed at Islamicising Iran's penal code on the basis of the Koran. "If the Koran says the fingers of a thief should be chopped off, then his fingers must be chopped off if we want to adhere to the verses of Koran," he told the newspaper Kayhan.

Library of Congress offers Arabic material

WASHINGTON — A new reading programme by the U.S. Library of Congress will soon enable Arabic-speaking Americans to read Arabic books and magazines. "The programme is a brand new idea," said Ms Alice Kniskern, a spokesperson for the Library of Congress in Washington. "It was conceived by Mr. Michael Albin, field director of the Library of Congress in Cairo."

Ms. Kniskern explained that the Library of Congress office in Cairo has been supplying Arabic language material to American research libraries since 1962. "The goal of the new pro-

gramme," she explained, "is to provide a selection of current books and magazines in Arabic for the general public. We will be serving American public libraries in communities where there are large numbers of Arabic speakers and academic libraries in need of reading materials for advanced students of Arabic." Under the acquisition arrangement, libraries in American cities and universities that are interested in the programme will receive a selection of current books in Arabic — about 100 titles a year — and subscriptions to five popular Arabic magazines. All titles will come

with catalogue cards prepared by the office in Cairo, following the Anglo-American cataloging rules and catalogue information. Beginning June 1 books will be selected and ordered by the staff of the Cairo office and it is hoped that the programme will be in operation by the end of this year.

Ms. Kniskern said that the programme was set up to accept 50 applicants who would pay \$500 a year for the service. \$100 of the fee will be used for administrative expenses and handling.

"We sent letters of inquiry to libraries and universities throughout the United States and so

far 22 libraries have responded positively," Ms. Kniskern said. Among the institutions requesting the service are the city libraries of Cleveland, Toledo, Phoenix, and Detroit and the libraries of Brandeis, University Brigham, Young University and the University of California at Los Angeles.

According to Ms. Kniskern, if the programme is successful the Library of Congress hopes to coordinate a similar programme with its overseas office in New Delhi. "Ultimately," she said, "our aim is to establish programmes in coordination with our offices in Karachi and Jakarta as well."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Villeneuve wins Monaco Grand Prix

MONTE CARLO, May 31 (A.P.) — Canada's Gilles Villeneuve scored the first Grand Prix victory for the new turbo-charged Ferrari today in a dramatic, accident-pocked 39th Monaco Grand Prix.

The race started an hour late because of a fire in the loews over the tunnel section of the circuit. Firefighting efforts then flooded that area.

In other incidents, the Renaults of Frenchman Rene Arnoux and Alain Prost broke down on the 33rd and 48th laps, when each was in sixth place and Italian Elm de Angelis was in 4th place in his Lotus when his engine exploded.

Borg and Evert on form

PARIS, May 31 (R) — Bjorn Borg, five times World and Wimbledon champion, today took the first 17 games from his American opponent in the fourth round of the French Open championship.

Borg was not the only champion in a hurry. American Chris Evert Lloyd, four times the women's winner here, soon moved into top gear against Britain's Virginia Wade.

Chicago beats Montreal 2-0 in NASL

CHICAGO, May 31 (A.P.) — West Germany's Karl Heinz Granitza and Frantz Mathieu of Haiti scored one goal each today to lead the Chicago Sting to a 2-0 victory over Montreal in North American Soccer League play.

The win was Chicago's ninth of the year against three losses, good for 77 points and first place in the NASL's Central Division.

Montreal, at 5-6 and 48 points, is in third place in the Eastern Division.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES E. GOREN
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Q.—This sequence came close to bringing about takeouts in our game:

West North East South
1 ♠ Dbl. 2 ♠ Pass
Pass Dbl. Pass ?

North intended the second double for takeout. South assumed that it was for penalties and passed. The result was that the opponents made game and scored a doubled overtrick as well.

Q.—Has the revoke rule been changed? There seems to be some disagreement in our game about whether the penalty should be one trick or two.

or takeout: Until such time as the doubler's partner has bid a suit or no trump, or made a penalty double himself, all subsequent doubles of low-level contracts by the takeout doubler are still for takeout.

South might be confusing this situation with another:

West North East South
1 ♠ Pass INT Pass
2 ♠ Dbl.

Here, North's double is clearly for penalties. East-West have found no fit and North could have doubled one heart for takeout.

The Laws of Duplicate were revised in 1975. The penalty for a revoke in tournament play depends on whether or not the offending side won two tricks when and after the revoke occurred.

WBC featherweight title stays with Boza-Edwards

LAS VEGAS, May 31 (A.P.) — It was the first defence of the title for the Uganda-born Boza-Edwards, and after the first six rounds it all became easy.

Chacon, a former WBC featherweight champion, scored well in the first six rounds but then began tiring, and the fight belonged to Boza-Edwards from then.

The final three rounds of the fight appeared to be almost in slow motion, as the champion put the weary Chacon on the ropes and battered him with dozens of short, crisp punches to the head and body.

Referee Carlos Padilla stopped the fight after the 13th at the request of Chacon's manager. Chacon's best round was the fourth, when he and the champion stood toe to toe in the centre of the ring and battered each other with dozens of punches.

The fight at the Showboat Hotel better known for its bowling tournaments than its fight cards—was televised nationally. Boza-Edwards earned \$50,000 for this bout, while Chacon got \$45,000.

Cornelius Boza-Edwards said it was his ability to fight back immediately after a hard right buckled his knees in the ninth round.

"That right shook me, but he was surprised I came right back," Boza-Edwards said after stopping Chacon in the 14th round.

The end came after the 13th round when Chacon told his corner he couldn't fight anymore. "I'm the one that stopped it," Chacon said. "I looked at the ring girl and said, oh, it's only the 13th round and I couldn't go on anymore."

Boza-Edwards said he sensed

Chacon was getting tired in the later rounds and knew it was only a matter of time before the fight was over.

He earned the WBC featherweight title September 1974 with a ninth-round knockout of Alfredo Marciano in Los Angeles. He lost it, also in Los Angeles, less than a year later, when he was knocked out in the second round by Ruben Olivares in June 1975.

Boza-Edwards, 24, won his title in March with a 15-round decision over Rafael "Bazooka" Limon in California. He said his fight against Limon was fraught with fouls and called the former champion a "kind of streak fighter."

With the successful defence, Boza-Edwards said his next bout will be a rematch against Limon. The champion said the fight, tentatively scheduled for August, will be a tougher title defence than was posed by Chacon.

"Limon is tougher, he puts more pressure on you. Every round was a war against him. It was just pound-for-pound slugging it out."

While Boza-Edwards looks ahead to his next fight, the 29-year-old Chacon said he was come to the end of the line in his boxing career.

"I proved it to myself today that I don't need to go on anymore," he said. "At least the people across the nation saw a fighter who could still fight at 29."

English Sunday League Cricket

LONDON, May 31 (R) — Derbyshire's Steve Oldham experienced the ups and downs of one-day cricket in the Sunday League match against Surrey at the Oval today.

Having gained his side the initiative by taking the wickets of Graham Roope, Monte Lynch and Roger Knight in the course of four overs as Surrey faltered in the chase to beat 139 in 37 overs, Oldham suffered the bowler's ultimate fate.

Surrey, needing 15 runs from the final over bowled by Oldham, got them with two balls to spare.

Sylvester Clarke took a single off the first ball and then his eighth wicket partner David Thomas walked a six a two and a six off the following three deliveries.

Sussex went to the top of the table with a seven wickets win over Hampshire at Basingstoke, thanks to an unbeaten 69 by Ian Gould, his best of the competition.

At Northampton, England's David Gower paved the way for Leicestershire's first win of the season with a half century in a five-wicket defeat of Northamptonshire.

National team attends Asian Games

AMMAN, May 31 (Petra) — The Jordanian national athletic team left for Tokyo today to participate in the fourth Asian Games that start on Wednesday.

The leader of the team, Mr. Mohammad Abu Al Tayyeb, said that he will also attend the general assembly meeting of the Federation of Asian Athletics which will be held on Thursday.

As to the team's participation in the Asian tournament, Mr. Abu Al Tayyeb said that the idea is to give the national team experience in competing in international tournaments.

Japan retains UBER cup

TOKYO, May 31 (A.P.) — Japan retained the world women's UBER cup badminton championship today by beating Indonesia 6-3.

The victory gave Japan its fifth victory in the last six finals and again confirmed its supremacy in the women's side of the badminton world.

It was the fifth time the Japanese and the Indonesians have met in the finals since 1969. Since then, Indonesia has defeated Japan once, in Jakarta in 1975.

Both countries entered today three singles and two doubles matches even with each team winning one singles and one doubles match yesterday.

Japan, who won a first-round bye, moved into the finals with a win over Canada in Kyoto, central Japan in May. While Indonesia shut out Malaysia 9-0 in the first round in Tokyo in May, and England 5-4 in the semifinals in Nagoya.

The major upset of the day's match came before 7,000 spectators, at a court set up over an Olympic swimming pool, with the 11-6, 11-9 defeat of the No. 2 player Wiharjo, the reigning world singles champion, by Saori Kondo.

It was Wiharjo's first loss in the matches in the six-day championship held in Tokyo. Kyoto and Nagoya, a city bidding for the 1988 Summer Olympic Games.

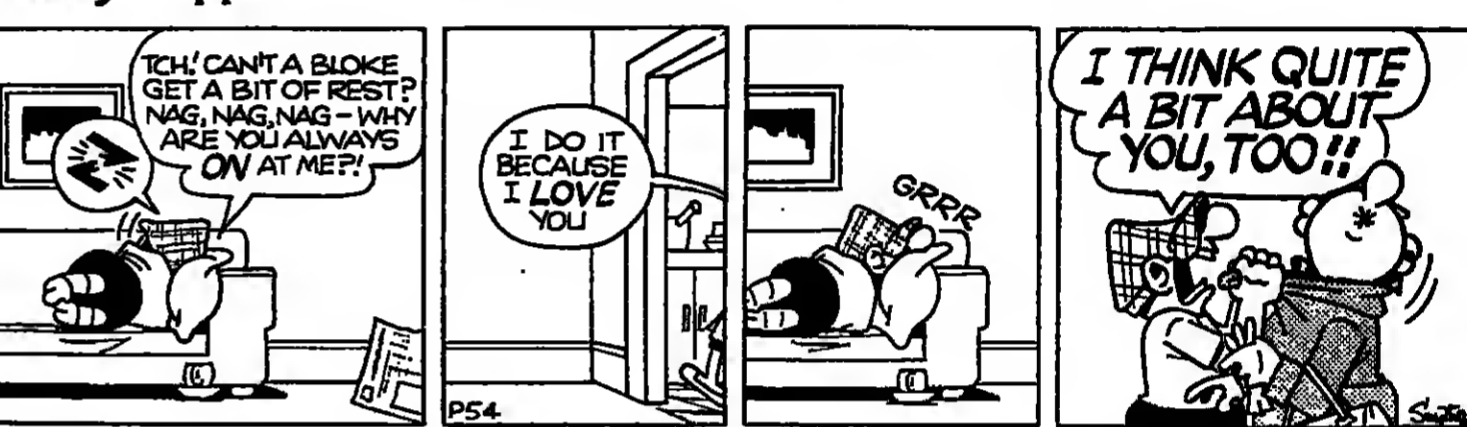
After Kondo's victory, Japan took a commanding 4-2 lead on team captain Atsuko Tokuda's 11-4, 11-9 win over Taty Sumirrah. Yoshikovk Aikura clinched the title for her country when she defeated Lieng Hoa Ivana.

Wiharjo with Ruth Damayanti won their doubles match against the Japanese with a 9-15, 15-9, 15-12 score over the Tokuda-Yonekura combination.

Peanuts



Andy Capp



Mutt 'n' Jeff



FORECAST FOR MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1981

YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day when matters of importance can be put in motion. Not a time for emotional arguments. Look for modern methods to increase your productivity. Your mind is logical now.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Bringing your finest talents to those who can help you commercialize on them is wise. Go after personal desire later.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Make those changes at home that are necessary for greater comfort. Discuss future plans with congenials.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Put new ideas to work that will help you become more productive in your line of endeavor. Get the backing you need.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You can now formulate a plan that will improve your financial status. Take no chances with a trickster.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) You have to be more objective in your thinking to gain your aims, otherwise you could get into difficulties. Be logical.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Don't try to limit yourself where your activities are concerned or you could lose out where it counts the most.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Discuss new ideas with good friends and gain their cooperation. Forget past mistakes, but don't make them again.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be determined in the handling of important business affairs and get excellent results. Obtain the data you need.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Studying the new and unexplored fields of your career is a step toward advancement now. Think constructively.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Find new ways of handling your responsibilities and get good results. Stop being so laekadaisical in your routines.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be more antbused about a new activity and get the results you want. Make long-range plans for the future.

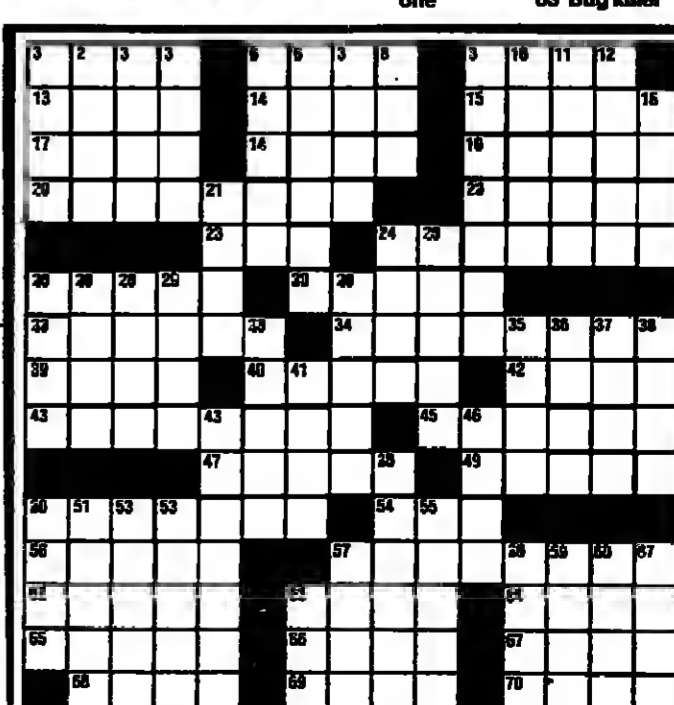
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You have to use modern methods now if you wish to gain your aims. Take a new kind of treatment for your health.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will realize that changes must be made to improve conditions and bring out the fine potential in this chart. Make sure you give the right ethical training early in life. There is musical talent in this chart.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

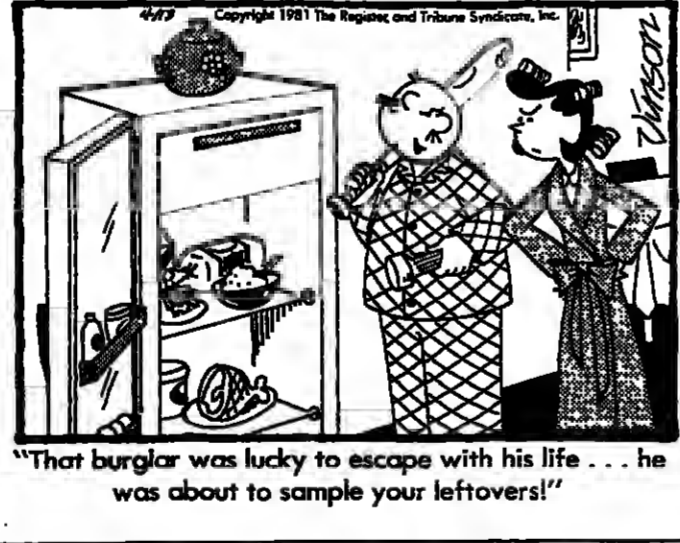
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Print answer here: [] [] [] [] (Answers tomorrow) Yesterday's Jumbles: EXERT CRIME JUMPER FETISH Answer: What are the best "seats" in a theater?—"RE-CEIPTS"

